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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Elliott

Serial No.: 10/026,215

Based on PCT/GB00/04387

Filed: December 19, 2001

For: Nut and Seat Assembly for Clamp

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS AND PRIORITY DOCUMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Attention: Box Missing Parts  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Notification of Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application Filed Under 37 C.F.R. 1-53(b) dated January 23, 2002 (copy enclosed), herewith is the executed Declaration together with a check in the amount of \$130.

As required under 37 CFR 1.72(b), enclosed herewith is the Abstract of the invention.

Also enclosed is a certified copy of GB Application No. 9927226.2

If any underpayment or overpayment has been made, please charge to Deposit Account No. 08-2442.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/026,215	12/19/2001	Elliott	18872.0114

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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.  
To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
for FY 2002**

Patent Fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT**

(\$) 130.00

**Application Number****Filing Date**

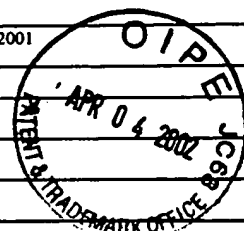
December 19, 2001

**First Named Inventor**

Elliott

**Examiner Name****Group/Art Unit****Attorney Docket Number**

18872.0114

**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)**☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None☒ Deposit Account: Deposit Account Number: 08-2442

Deposit Account Name: Hodgson Russ LLP

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to (check all that apply)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below☒ Charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments☐ Charge any additional fees during pendency of this application.☐ Charge fees indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE****Large Entity Small Entity**

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 740 201 370		Utility filing fee	\$
106 330 206 165		Design filing fee	\$
107 510 207 255		Plant filing fee	\$
108 740 208 370		Reissue filing fee	\$
114 160 214 80		Provisional filing fee	\$
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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES****COPY OF PAPERS****ORIGINALLY FILED****Large Entity****Small Entity****Fee Code****Fee (\$)****Fee Code****Fee (\$)****Fee Description****Fee Paid**

105 130

205 65

Surcharge - late filing fee or oath

\$ 130

127 50

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139 130

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Non-English specification

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147 2,520

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For filing a request for *ex parte* reexamination

\$

112 920\*

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Requesting Publication of SIR prior to Examiner Action

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113 1,840\*

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Requesting Publication of SIR after Examiner Action

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115 110

215 55

Extension for reply within first month

\$

116 400

216 200

Extension for reply within second month

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117 920

217 460

Extension for reply within third month

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118 1,440

218 720

Extension for reply within fourth month

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128 1,960

228 980

Extension for reply within fifth month

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119 320

219 160

Notice of Appeal

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120 320

220 160

Filing a brief in support of an appeal

\$

121 280

221 140

Request for oral hearing

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138 1,510

138 1,510

Petition to institute a public use proceeding

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140 110

240 55

Petition to revive - unavoidable

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141 1,280

241 640

Petition to revive - unintentional

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142 1,280

242 640

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143 460

243 230

Utility issue fee (or reissue)

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144 620

244 310

Design issue fee

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Plant issue fee

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Petitions to the Commissioner

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Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g)

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581 40

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Submission of Information Disclosure Statement

\$

146 740

246 370

Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)

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149 740

249 370

Filing a submission after final rejection(37 CFR 1.129(a))

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179 740

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For each add'l invention to be examined(37 CFR 1.129(b))

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169 900

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Request For Continued Examination (RCE)

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Other fee (specify)

Request for Expedited Examination of a design appln.

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**SUBTOTAL (3)****\$ 130**